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An ingenious Yankee sea capta'n has invented an apparatus with which he thinks whales can be killed by electric shock. A harpoon is fixed at the end of a long, metallic cable, properly in-sulated, and which serves in place of the usual rope. Through this cable an electric current of 10,000 volts is to be sent by means of a dynamo carried on the whaleboat.

An official of the national museum at Washington gives some facts not generally known concerning the relative values of diamonds and rubles. According to the latest figures obtainable, a ruby weighing as much as 5 carats is worth ten to twelve times as much as a diamond of the same weight, even though the latter be of the first water. The ruby, therefore, instead of the diamond, is the material that embodies the highest money value in the smallest

Prof. Atkinson, a botanist of Cor-

nell university, is the discoverer of an example of the very rare specimen called a "plant atoll." It consists of a ring of plants floating in a pond, with a circle of clear water within the ring. The plants derive their nourishment from the decayed vegetable matter that collects about their roots, and these are gradually becoming anchored to the bottom, so that in time a true ring island will be formed, resembling the coral atolls of the southern oceans. Sir Patrick Manson, in his recent lectures on tropical diseases, although accepting the theory that the only mode of transmission of marsh, or malarial, fever is through the bite of the Anopheles mosquito, adds the statement, which will probably be new to most readers, that the mosquitoes are capa-ble of becoming infected by absorbing the blood not merely of human patients, but also of anthropold apes, and perhaps even of various other mammals, which, in an evolutionary sense, are related to man.

A new estimate of the comparative mount of light received on the earth from the sun and from the brightest (apparent) fixed star in the heavens, Sirius, has been made by Mr. Ceraski of the Astronomical Observatory of Moscow. The sun, according to his estimate, sends us about 17,000,000,000 times as much light as Sirius does. But this, of course, is a matter governed by relative distance, so that if the earth were half-way between S!rius and the sun, Sirius would appear be-tween 16 and 17 times as bright as the

Some interesting statistics have been collected by Vice Consul Arnold at Foochow concerning the great decline in China's tea trade. From 1678, when tea was first introduced into England until 1837 China held exclusively the tea trade of the world. Then India began to enter the tea market. The Chinese trade reached high tide in 1866, with a total export of 300,000,000 pounds. In 1884 China furnished about 72 per cent of the world's total, India and Ceylon 18 per cent, and Japan and Formosa 10 per cent. But in 1904, whet the total consumption had increased to 644,000,000 pounds, China contributed only 30 per cent, India and Ceyton 60 cent. The decline in China is ascribed to careless methods of cultivation and preparation of the leaf.

The Elecutionist's Curfew. England's sun was slowly setting-(Raise your right hand to your

Filling all the land with beauty-(Wear a gaze of rapture now); And the last rays kissed the forehead of a man and maiden fair

(With a movement slow and graceful you may now push back your hair);

He with sad, bowed head—(A drooping of your head will be all right, Till you hoursely, sadly whisper) "Cur-

"Sexton," Bessie's white lips faltered-(Try here to resemble Bess, Though, of course, you know she'd never worn quite such a charming dress). T've a lover in that prison-(Don't forget to roll your r's

And to shiver as though gazing through the iron prison bars). "Cromwell will not come till sunset"— (Speak each word as though you'd

Every syllable to pieces)-"Curfew must not ring to-night."

Out she swung, far out-(Now here is where you've got to do your best; Let your head be twisted backward, let great sobs heave up your chest; Swing your right foot through an arc of ninety lineal degrees,

come down and swing your left foot, and be sure don't bend your knees: this up for 15 minutes till your face is worn and white,

Then, gaze at your mangled fingers)— "Curfew shall not ring to-night!" O'er the distant hills came Cromwell-(Right hand to the brow once

Let your eyes look down the distance, any above the entrance door)
At his foot she told her story—(Lift your hands as though they hurt)

And her sweet young face so haggard-(Now your pathos you assert. Then you straighten up as Cromwell, and be sure you get it right: Don't say "Go, your liver loves!") - well "Curfew shall not ring to night!" -Harper's Magazine.

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